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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Wayne Wright et al.
Serial No. : not yet assigned
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For : CONNECTION BETWEEN A WALL AND A PIPE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to a first Office Action in the above case, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

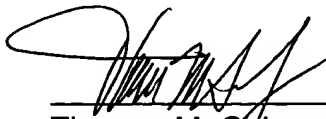
Please cancel Claims 1-21 and insert new claims 22-37 as per the attached sheets.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the original claims 1-21 have been cancelled and new claims 22-37 have been substituted in their place. The multiple dependency of certain of the claims have been eliminated so as to avoid the surcharge associated therewith. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested and an early and favorable action on the merits of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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